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An Iowa girl calls him "My Sunday evening mail."

There is a Charlie Ross chewing gum, and perhaps that is what is taking the children off.

A person with ten hunting dogs following him was temporarily the lion in Detroit the other day. A hat-rack waiter in Washington has

to keep 300 hats in his mind in order to keep one on his head.

It is again asserted that duels in France are to be punished the same as other deliberate murders.

St. Louis has a flower mission, composed of 130 ladies, belonging to the various evangelical churches.

An undertaker, with a capital of \$40,-000, has decided that Indianapolis is the best place for him to commence business.

Mrs. Ludington, of Pennsylvania, one of three sisters who were triplets, is dead at the age of 87, leaving her two but this was only the first scene of the sisters to keep up the battle.

This is indeed an advanced age. Instead of a wedding and a minister's fee, they just jump over a broomstick in Indiana and call it "a soul union."

A young fellow in Grundy county, Iowa, wanted to charge his girl twenty cents for his picture, informing her at the time that it originally cost a quarter.

It is strange how soon some wives can tell their husbands "they ain't worth salt," but you let 'em get killed on a road and see how quick she'll sue the company for \$50,000.

The Duchess of Edinburg spends most of her time trying to get even with the Dake. Since his reduction of her pin money to ten thousand a year she has been a changed woman.

Emerson declares that every man is wanted, but he doesn't say who wants the man that smokes on the street car. There are some very flourishing towns where a policeman would want him.

A number of Kentucky journalists are this year pursuing the ignis fatuus of pleasure at home watering-places. They want to keep their money in the State, where they get it, until the immediate effect of the London failures has passed

The Vicarage of Halifax having been offered by Mr. Disraeli to the Rev. Frederick W. Farrar, that gentleman has refused to accept it. The living is worth £2000 per year, but the sum is largely raised from the Vicar's rate, which is very unpopular both with the Churchmen and Dissenters of Halifax.

"No rock so hard but that a little wave may beat admission in a thousand years."-Tennyson.] This is poetry. The truth is that at the end of nine hundred and ninety-nine years a big earthquake may come along and put the rock a mile and a half underground, and then a big whale may come along and swallow the little wave. It will be seen that poetry won't do.

The day is coming when the good housewife will not be under the necessity of peeping through the cracks of the fence to see what is going on over at her neighbor's. Woodhull & Claffin's Weekly says: "We are on the eve of the time when the roofs of the houses are to be lifted, so that the lives of men Russians, who are beautiful even when and women must be what they wish the they are masked, M'ile de Praneuff, are to be lifted, so that the lives of men public to think them to be,"

SUMMER IN PARIS.

Sparkling Sketches of Some French Wives and their Ways—A Pretty Woman and a Pink Peart.

Arsene Houssaye's Paris Letter to the New York Tribune.] The summer season is in full blast. Those who are not running their horses at the Bois de Boulogue are running themselves to the country and the sea-side. The celebrities of the hour are horses and rosieres, but the horses lead those ladies by a head. You may think that Daughter of Heaven is a rosiere; it is a mare. You may think that Dictature is a political slang word, like Confidence and Locomotive; they are mares who are running for the Cider Cup, the Champs Elysees, or Satory Stakes. They have to contend against Rabagas, Tonnerre, Sans-Merci, and other fashionable horses.

Those who have chateaus are already gone, those who have none hire villas in the neighborhood of Paris. They im-agine that they are in the country, but as they have carried with them all the Parisian paraphernalia, they are surrounded by scenery no more rural than that of the opera. Yesterday a well-known fashionable woman invited her fair friends to bathe in her lake, a take the size of one's hand. See the force of habit! The lady had poured into her lake 500 francs worth of Lubin's essences, orange flower water and rose water, saying that natural water required seasoning. I was not at this lovely spectacle of naiads, as all the men had been shut up at an early game of baccarat.

There are Parisians who have their summer retreat in Paris. For instance, Madame Rattazzi (who does not resemole that provincial academy which could never get itself talked about) gave to-night a Venetian fete in the Avenue de l'Imperatrice. The women were masked, the men wore the Venetian cloak. It was very pretty and amusing. I cannot the quadrilles of mystifications which filled the ball-room. The French women have succeeded the Italians in the art of playing imbroglios.

Here is one worth reporting; A repre-sentative of the people and a former prefect of the empire wanted to go to the ball without their wives, but the two ladies, who were consins, arranged to go there without advertising the fact too A San Francisco man has been sent to jail for fifty days because he kissed a little girl against her will. these gentlemen as to the consequences of their absence. "How" said one of them, "could you leave those poor women at home? Are you quite sure they will stay there without yon? How do you have they thank they will stay there without yon? How do you have they they will stay they will stay they will be said to the said they will be said to they will be said to they will be said to the said they will be said to they will be said to the said they will be s you know they are not gone to drive in the Bois, to talk sentiment in the moon-light?" "Nonsense," said one of the husbands; "we know our vives; they are doves who go to bed early. Our wives are the old-fashioned kind who stay at home and spin." "Take care! Penelope also staid at home and spun; but Ulysses did well to return."

The husbands recognized their wives comedy. The lively invention of the ladies did not cease there. A quarter of an hour afterward they had succeeded in exchanging their red and blue dominoes so as completely to deceive their two so as completely to deceive their two husbands, when they returned and took their arms. Each thought he was talk-ing to his friend's wife. The two women had never been so tender and so engag-ing, and the two friends were soon start-led with their good fortune, "Whet," said one, "the prefect's wife! I thought her so discreet. I never heard her name mentioned. It must be that I am irre-sistible. I am sorry for the Prefect." "What," said the other. "I am sorry

for my friend, but I am not sorry to play These oppothis trick on the republic. sition deputies imagine that the republic has reformed morals; they had better be reforming their wives." Both Prefect and Deputy exerted themselves in the utmost to invent pretty speeches. Both ladies were so carried away that they easily consented to leave the ball and improve the beautiful summer night by making a promenade in the Bois. But the two husbands were a little frightened by their success. "Yes," said one, "it would be delightful to take a turn in the Bois, but if your husband should per-ceive that you were not here—" "My husband! Is it your place to recall my husband to me when I wish to forget his existence?"

After this charming speech there was nothing to do but to go out the garden gate, enter a carringe and drive to the Bois. It was a true idyl of the night, set to music by the whistling of the black-bird, that derisive bird who only came to Paris to make game of Parisians. The Deputy never mounted the tribune with such emotion as he felt in kissing the hand of his wife. "Who could have told me," murmured the Prefect, "that the fairest day of my life would come in a pink domino?" This sport could not last always. The husbands at last perceived that they were flirting with their wives. One boxed her husband's ears, because of his excessive amiability. The other says she never will pardon her's What does all this prove as a study of the human heart? There is material there for a whole chapter for Montaigne and Erasmus. Perhaps I will write it myself some day, but at present I will merely deduce the moral that masked balls are a good thing to bring husbands

and wives together.

Our married people come back gayly to supper after their sentimental promenade. They narrated the adventure to me. I never saw married men so delighted with their wives.

The stars were fading from the sky and still the dancing went on, for the ball was full of stars that did not fade, beginning with the mistress of the house. The most brilliant were Madamo Papoff and Madame de Berance, twe marvel of Merveilluses. But I need not guilden

continue the radiant calendar of women of fashion and women of the theater, actresses from the cradle and actresses

from the Conservatoire. The Mayquis de Trevise has opened his magnificent house in the Champs Elysees, of which the corner-stone was laid ten years ago. Everything is long in life except life itself. Here is a pretty story which has been quietly told so long that I think it time to tell it to you aloud. A certain jeweler has a pink pearl which is the joy of all eyes, but never goes into the world. Why does it dwell in perpetuity in the show-case of the jeweler? There is in Paris a lady of

shadowy fame who thinks herself a woman of the world because she is very pretty and has a court of suitors. Her means of existence are not known. She came one fine day from Poland, saying that her husband was a prisoner in Si-beria. She is still young, and bears his beria. She is still young, and bears his absence gaily. When a man is dead in love with her abe does not say, like a celebrated actress, "If you love me, jump out of the window," but she tells you, "If you love me so much, give me are only thing I want on earth. It is an incomparable pink pearl which I thirst like Cleopatra." She takes her lover to the jeweler. He is himself charmed with this wonder, which seems to have fallen from the breast of Venus after fallen from the breast of Venus after having rested there a little longer than the other pearls. How could so beautiful a woman be denied a thing so beautiful, especially as the pink pearl costs only ten thousand france? No man dead in love could refuse it, especially dead in love could refuse it, especially as the jeweler accepts a check as readily as the cash. So the pearl is bought. A

few days afterward the ardent aspirant is astonished to miss it from the lady's neck. "Ah," she said to him, "I have written to India to order one like it, and then I shall have two pendants worthy of a Queen. Please keep my secret till I have them both." And while she is thus talking to one,

she is saying in the strictest confidence to another, "My friend, if you really love me so much do me a favor. There is a pink pearl at my jeweler's worth at least 100,000 francs, which he would give me for 10,000, but my dresses have cost so much that I have nothing on hand for jewels. Help me buy this, which is in-dispensable to my happiness." She leads him to the shop like a lamb to the slaughter. "Is it not of the loveliest Orient? Old Homer's Aurora never sprinkled finer ones among the roses which she scattered from her fingers." which she scattered from her fingers."
Naturally the second does as the first, captured by the poetry and the mirage of the thing. It is always the same story with the third, the fourth, and the fifth. "Above all, keep my secret till the other one comes from India." Giving a pearl like this to a woman is not like giving money. It is unbooking a star from the sky, it is cutting a rose in the Caliph's garden. This whole little comedy is so well managed that each simpleton is so well managed that each simpleton imagines his gift a privilege. Who would not be happy to give delight to those beautiful blue eyes, full of poetic

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